

Department of Homeland Security

Weekly Report

April 14th, 2011

I. Reform, Efficiency, and Transparency

Efficiency Review (ER) Initiative

- DHS expects to achieve over \$180 million in cost avoidances over the next six years by leveraging the purchasing power of the entire Department to acquire software licenses for Department-wide usage.

II. Public Affairs

Recent Stories

- On **April 8th**, a *Los Angeles Times* editorial praised the Administration's efforts to improve medical treatment at immigration detention facilities.
- On **April 8th**, *The Los Angeles Times* published a feature story on Customs and Border Protection's efforts to intercept counterfeit goods at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach, CA.
- On **April 10th**, *The Houston Chronicle* published a feature story highlighting anti-counterfeiting efforts by Customs and Border Protection, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and local police in Houston, TX.
- On **April 11th**, *The National Journal* published a feature story on the Administration's preparedness for the next catastrophic disaster, highlighting FEMA's role in mitigating and responding to disasters as well as enhanced communication through the National Communications System, a DHS-led interagency body that assists in planning and providing national security and emergency preparedness communications for the federal government.
- On **April 12th**, *USA Today* published a feature story on the role of social media in emergency response in light of the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan, noting remarks by FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate emphasizing FEMA's use of social media and the important role the public plays in emergency response.
- On **April 12th and 13th**, *The San Diego Union-Tribune* and *The Associated Press* reported on the arrest by Mexican authorities of an additional suspect in the murder of Border Patrol Agent Robert Rosas as part of a cooperative investigation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Customs and Border Protection, the FBI and our Mexican counterparts. Rosas was killed in July 2009.
- On **April 14th**, *The Associated Press* published a feature story on Border Patrol Forward Operating Bases, noting remarks by Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Alan Bersin highlighting the mobility and nimbleness of the Border Patrol as critical to anti-smuggling efforts.

Expected Stories

- On **April 8th**, *Bloomberg News* interviewed Principal Deputy Counterterrorism Coordinator John Cohen on the Department's public outreach on countering violent extremism and the "If You See Something, Say Something" campaign. Publication is expected within the next few days.
- On **April 11th**, *The Los Angeles Times* interviewed Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Assistant Commissioner Mark Borkowski on the new Southwest border technology strategy. Publication date TBD.
- On **April 13th**, *Poder* magazine interviewed U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Director Alejandro Mayorkas on Mayorkas' goals for USCIS and issues surrounding employment-based immigration. *Poder* is a business magazine focusing on the Latino business community. Expected publication in the June or July issue.
- On **April 15th**, the *Business of Government Hour*, a broadcast program sponsored by IBM, will interview U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Alejandro Mayorkas as part of a profile of the agency.
- On **April 18th**, *El Sentinel* will interview U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Director Alejandro Mayorkas on Mayorkas' commitment to public engagement. Expected publication is April 23rd.

Upcoming Policy Initiatives or Announcements

- On **April 7th**, the Office of Immigration Statistics published the FY 2010 Annual Naturalization Report on the Immigration Statistics [website](#). The report presents information on the number and characteristics of foreign nationals aged 18 years and over who were naturalized during 2010 using data from administrative records of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- By **April 18th**, the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, in coordination with DHS components, plans to transmit to the U.S. European Command a multi-year joint strategic plan to increase collaboration with partners in Europe and Eurasia to combat transnational smuggling.
- On **April 22nd**, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will publish a System of Records Notice on a new E-Verify-related program called RIDE (Records and Information from DMVs for E-Verify) in the Federal Register. The program will allow E-Verify to confirm the validity and authenticity of driver's licenses used as Form I-9 identity documents by employees, improving the integrity of the E-Verify system. USCIS expects to launch a pilot of the RIDE program in Mississippi on **June 5th** and will look to expand to other states following an assessment of the pilot's performance.

Office of Inspector General (OIG) Reports

- **Congressional Distribution on April 19th, Web Posting on April 27th: “Information Sharing on Foreign Nationals: Overseas Screening.” Background:** The OIG evaluated whether current levels of cooperation, resources, and technology are adequate for DHS officers to assess the risks posed by foreign nationals who seek to enter the United States. The OIG also reviewed plans to consolidate and improve information in the Department's data systems. **Findings:** DHS has made progress in evaluating the admissibility of foreign nationals before they travel to the United States. However, DHS initiatives face resource and technological challenges. Information is fragmented among more than 17 data systems and officers must conduct labor-intensive, system-by-system checks to verify or eliminate each possible match to terrorist watchlists and other derogatory information. The CBP National Targeting Center – Passenger is challenged by insufficient staff. Effective small-scale screening and interdiction programs need sufficient resources to meet operational needs and congressional mandates. **Recommendations:** The OIG makes 18 recommendations to standardize the technology used to share information in DHS data systems, enable federal officers to obtain and use the most current and complete data available, and improve information sharing procedures. **Response:** DHS components concurred with 17 of the 18 recommendations. The Office of Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) did not concur with the recommendation to establish a Border Security Shared Mission Community, as efforts to achieve the objective of this recommendation are already underway throughout the Department and establishing this new entity would be duplicative.

Other Reports

- On **April 13th**, GAO released a report titled “**Coast Guard: Opportunities Exist to Further Improve Acquisition Management Capabilities.**” **Background:** In response to the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2010, GAO assessed, from January to April 2011, Coast Guard capabilities to manage its major acquisition programs and determined the extent to which the Coast Guard leverages the Department of Defense (DOD) and other agency contracts or expertise to support its major acquisition programs. **Findings:** GAO found that the Coast Guard continues to strengthen its acquisition management capabilities by updating acquisitions management policies and reducing acquisition workforce vacancies, but shortfalls persist in hiring staff for certain key areas and some programs continue to be affected by unfilled positions. Additionally, while the Coast Guard has increased its acquisition management capabilities, GAO found that most major acquisition programs have cost, schedule, or program execution risks. **Recommendation:** GAO recommends that the Coast Guard provide program management staff with greater access to updated information about agreements in place with DOD by ensuring all interagency agreements are captured in a database or other format that is readily accessible to program staff. **Response:** The Coast Guard is working to implement this recommendation.

Outreach/Stakeholder Meetings

- From **April 4th to 14th**, the Transportation Security Administration is conducting an Essential Design and Instruction Skills course for Uruguayan counterparts sponsored by the Organization for American States in Uruguay. Closed press.
- From **April 12th to 15th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Buffalo Federal Detention Facility personnel are hosting a tour of the facility for participants of the Church World Services annual training conference in Canandaigua, NY. Closed press.
- From **April 13th to 15th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Attaché Manila is providing training on U.S. entry and travel documents and an overview of ICE, facial recognition, impostor detection and passenger assessment to Philippine Airlines Dipolog City Station customer service agents, Philippine National Police Aviation Security Group, Civil Aviation Administration of the Philippines and Office for Transportation Security personnel assigned at the airport in Dipolog City, Zamboanga del Norte, Philippines. Closed press.
- On **April 14th**, Coast Guard Commandant Robert Papp will deliver remarks declaring the Cutter SMILAX “Queen of the Fleet,” the Coast Guard’s oldest cutter, at a ceremony in Atlantic Beach, NC. Open press.
- On **April 15th**, Coast Guard Commandant Robert Papp will deliver keynote remarks on Coast Guard units with expeditionary missions and their relation to homeland security at the Institute for Foreign Press Analysis-Fletcher conference, “The Marine Corps as an Expeditionary Force in Readiness,” in Washington, D.C. Representatives from the government, military, industry, intelligence and policy communities are expected to attend. Open press.
- On **April 15th**, the Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) will showcase the Identity Proofing Testbed effort – which will help efforts to strengthen the resiliency and security of financial services and other critical infrastructure sectors – at the public announcement of the National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace (NSTIC) at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The NSTIC is a government-wide initiative that will make the online environment more secure and convenient for consumers. Open press.
- On **April 15th and 16th**, Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Administrator John Pistole will attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Executive Committee meetings in Scottsdale, AZ, to promote continued cooperation between IACP and TSA. Closed press.
- From **April 18th to 22nd**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement will deploy Secure Communities technology to 23 local law enforcement agencies in Maryland, Missouri, Nevada, New York and Ohio.
- On **April 19th**, FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate will deliver remarks on hurricane season preparation and catastrophic preparedness at the 2011 National Hurricane Conference in Atlanta, GA. He will also conduct several local and regional interviews regarding the upcoming hurricane season (outlets TBD). Open press.
- From **April 19th to 22nd**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement will conduct basic export control and border security training for police, customs and border guard officials in Chisinau, Moldova. Closed press.
- On **April 21st**, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will host a national stakeholder engagement teleconference on issues affecting refugees and asylees. Open press (no press confirmed).
- On **April 25th**, FEMA Deputy Administrator Richard Serino will provide Admiral Edmundo Gonzalez Robles, Commander in Chief of the Chilean Navy, briefings on Integrated Public Alert and Warning Systems and FEMA’s collaboration with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, in Washington, D.C. Closed press.
- On **April 26th**, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Officer Margo Schlanger will speak at a plenary session of the 8th Annual Immigration Law and Policy Conference hosted by the Georgetown University Law Center. The session will focus on detention reform. Closed press.
- From **April 26th to 27th**, an Office of Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) representative will attend a meeting with Arab, Muslim, South Asian and other community groups in central Florida – a follow-up to an earlier engagement event. This outreach is designed to help launch a regular CRCL roundtable in central Florida. Open press.

- From **April 26th to 28th**, the Science and Technology Directorate will provide an update on the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility project at the 2011 International Symposium on Agroterrorism in Kansas City, MO. More than 1,000 attendees from 22 countries and all 50 states are expected to participate. No new announcements. Closed press.
- On **April 27th**, the Science and Technology (S&T) Directorate will unveil the first successful technology to be certified under the System Efficacy through Commercialization Utilization Relevance and Evaluation program, a unique public-private partnership for research and development, in a ceremony to be held at the Long Island Forum for Technology in Bethpage, NY. Under this partnership, Visual Defence USA, Inc. developed and tested the Blast Resistant Autonomous Video Equipment camera as part of a blast-survivable video system designed for use in mass transit vehicles. Open press. *S&T will issue a media advisory on April 20th.*
- On **April 27th and 28th**, representatives of the Science and Technology Directorate's Cybersecurity Division will travel to Canberra, Australia to meet with Australian National Security Science & Technology Assistant Secretary Marina Tsirbas to discuss the details and logistics of Australia providing funding to current projects focusing on Internet measurement and botnet detection (networks of compromised computers used to perpetrate electronic fraud and other criminal activity). Closed press.
- On **April 27th and 28th**, the Science and Technology Directorate and the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency (MSB) will co-host a workshop in Norrköping, Sweden that will establish specific cooperative activities in visual analytics for disaster prediction and incident management. Workshop participants will include members of the DHS Centers of Excellence and subject matter experts, representatives from various Swedish universities and government agencies and end users. Closed press.
- On **April 28th**, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) Officer Margo Schlanger will convene a meeting, co-chaired by the National Immigration Law Center and the American Civil Liberties Union-Los Angeles, of the NGO Civil Rights/Civil Liberties Committee—which includes organizations based in California and along the West Coast—to discuss immigration enforcement, detention standards and CRCL's role in immigration policy, in Los Angeles, CA. Closed press.
- On **April 28th**, FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate will deliver remarks on the Whole Community concept, progress on redesigning the National Exercise Program and FEMA's efforts to continue implementing efficiencies, streamlining processes and eliminating redundancies in the current tight budget climate at the Big City Managers 2011 Spring Meeting in Washington, D.C. Open press.
- On **April 28th**, the Science and Technology Directorate will moderate a panel on solutions to policy and technology barriers related to the flow of information to operational personnel in crisis and emergency situations at the Innovation and Policy Analysis 2011 Workshop in Indian Wells, CA, sponsored by California State University, San Bernardino, in collaboration with the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. Representative Jerry Lewis will attend the workshop. Open press.

III. Legislative Issues

Congressional Testimony

House Homeland Security Committee

- On **May 4th**, Transportation Security Administration Administrator John Pistole and FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate are tentatively scheduled to testify on securing mass transit systems from terrorism.

House Homeland Security Committee, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies

- On **April 15th**, National Cybersecurity and Communications Integration Center Director Sean McGurk will testify on DHS's coordination with the private sector on cybersecurity.

House Homeland Security Committee, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations and Management

- On **May 11th**, Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement Director Grayling Williams and a Department of Justice representative will testify on efforts to combat drug cartel violence along the Southwest border.

House Judiciary Committee

- On May 24th, Secretary Napolitano will testify at a general DHS oversight hearing.

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation

- On May 3rd, Coast Guard Prevention Policy Director Rear Admiral Kevin Cook and Calvin Lederer, Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Coast Guard will testify on the Coast Guard's regulatory program.

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense and Foreign Operations

- On April 14th, FEMA Region IX Administrator Nancy Ward and FEMA Region X Administrator Ken Murphy will testify on tsunami warning and preparedness.

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, Subcommittee on National Security, Homeland Defense, and Foreign Operations, and the House Natural Resources Committee, Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands

- On April 15th, Deputy Chief of the Border Patrol Ronald Vitiello and representatives from the Departments of Interior and Agriculture will testify on enforcement efforts on federal lands.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

- On April 14th, Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) Caryn Wagner and Sean Joyce of the FBI will testify on I&A's fiscal year 2012 budget request. This is a closed hearing.

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

- On May 4th, Secretary Napolitano will testify on the Department's efforts to strengthen security at the Southwest border.

Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee, Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries and the Coast Guard

- On May 12th, Coast Guard Commandant Robert Papp will testify on the Coast Guard's fiscal year 2012 budget request.

Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security

- On May 17th, Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Alan Bersin is tentatively scheduled to testify, along with a TBD Immigration and Customs Enforcement witness, on efforts to strengthen security at the Northern border.

Senate Finance Committee, Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs and Global Competitiveness

- On May 5th, Allen Gina, Assistant Commissioner for Customs and Border Protection's Office of International Trade; J. Scott Ballman, Deputy Assistant Director for Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations; and a representative from the Department of Commerce will testify on enforcement of anti-dumping and countervailing duty orders, which are imposed on certain imports in order to remedy unfair trade practices such as selling products in the U.S. below the cost of production or below the price in the home market.

Committee Briefings and Travel

House Homeland Security Committee and Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

- On April 15th, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) Director Warren Stern will meet with staff to discuss the Securing the Cities (STC) initiative external assessment report completed on March 31st. DNDO commissioned an external assessment panel to evaluate STC last year, the results of which will help inform future STC grants to the New York City region and other high risk cities in the country. The report concluded that the STC initiative has been a worthwhile investment and has resulted in a substantial increase in preventive radiological/nuclear detection awareness and capability throughout the region. The report was not released publicly.
- On April 22nd, the Office of Intelligence and Analysis will deliver a classified monthly border threat briefing to staff.

House Homeland Security Committee and Senate Appropriations Committee

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- On **April 27th**, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) will brief staff on FLETC operations in Charleston, SC and Glynco, GA.

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit

- On **April 14th**, the Office of Intelligence and Analysis will deliver a classified briefing to Representative Sam Graves, at his request, on Temporary Flying Restrictions and if they adequately protect Disney theme parks and sports stadiums from aerial threats.

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

- On **April 14th**, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will provide staff with a briefing on Visible Intermodal Protection and Response Team operations as well as TSA's Screening Passengers by Observation Techniques and Behavior Detection Officers.

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

- On **April 18th**, staff are tentatively scheduled to visit FEMA Region III headquarters in Philadelphia, PA to receive briefings on FEMA's Grant Programs Directorate's (GPD) financial oversight of FEMA grant programs – part of an ongoing inquiry into GPD grant monitoring practices and activities.

Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee

- On **April 15th**, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) will meet with staff to discuss the OIG's plans and priorities for FY 2011.
- On **April 22nd**, the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) will brief staff on TSA operations at Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport.

Other Briefings and Travel

- **This week**, the DHS Office of Legislative Affairs will provide DHS overview briefings to staff in the offices of Senators Jim Webb, Al Franken, Tom Udall, Bernie Sanders and Jeff Sessions and Representatives Allen West, Randy Hultgren and Richard Hanna.
- On **April 14th**, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will brief staff from the Colorado Congressional delegation on USCIS programs and resources available to constituents in Denver, CO.
- On **April 14th**, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will update Delegate Gregorio Sablan on the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Transitional Worker Regulations being drafted by DHS.
- On **April 18th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will brief Senator Mark Pryor on ICE operations and initiatives in Little Rock, AR.
- On **April 18th**, the Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman will meet with staff from Senator Jim Webb's office about services of the Ombudsman's Office, including the Ombudsman's recent recommendations to improve the customer service complaints process at U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.
- From **April 18th to 20th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Attaché Hong Kong personnel will participate in a bipartisan congressional delegation led by Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid in Hong Kong and Macau. The focus of the delegation's visit will be on port security, including CBP's Container Security Initiative, in Hong Kong.
- From **April 18th to 22nd**, Customs and Border Protection will provide Congressional staff with a tour of CBP operations in the San Diego, CA area.
- On **April 19th**, Customs and Border Protection will provide Senator Tom Coburn and Representative Rob Bishop with a tour of Border Patrol operations on federal lands in the Tucson, AZ area.
- On **April 20th**, Customs and Border Protection will provide Representative Chip Cravaack with a tour of the International Falls/Ranier Port of Entry in International Falls, MN.
- On **April 25th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will provide a tour of the Central Detention Center in West Palm Beach, FL and the Eagle Academy in Belle Glade, FL to Representative Allen West. ICE is considering both facilities for detention purposes.

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- On **April 28th**, the Science and Technology (S&T) Directorate will host the DHS S&T Expo in Washington, DC, which will be open to Congressional staffers and members of the first responder community to view products and demonstrations of technologies that assist with protecting against, responding to and recovering from threats and hazards. Open press.

IV. Legal Issues

Rules and Regulations

- On **April 18th**, DHS will publish guidance for recipients of DHS financial assistance in the Federal Register. This Guidance will help those who carry out Department-supported activities to understand and implement their obligations under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to provide meaningful access for people with limited English proficiency (LEP).

FOIA Releases

- On **April 13th**, DHS released to **Jason Smathers**, a blogger with **MuckRock** in Somerville, MA weekly submissions of significant FOIA activity from the Office of Intelligence and Analysis to the DHS Privacy Office from October 2010 to the present.
- On **April 14th**, DHS will release to **Gregory Korte** with *USA Today* and **Lisa Lerer** with *Bloomberg News*, copies of contingency plans, guidance, and other correspondence with OMB regarding preparations for a government shutdown.

V. Additional items of importance not covered above

- **Advanced Imaging Technology (AIT) Update:** As of **April 8th**, 486 AIT units have been deployed to 78 airports nationwide.
- **Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Weekly Statistics (April 4th to 10th):** TSA arrested 9 passengers based on suspicious behavior or fraudulent travel documents and found 17 firearms at checkpoints.
- **E-Verify Update:** As of **April 9th**, 258,940 employers are registered for E-Verify, representing 881,947 hiring sites. Thus far in FY 2011, over 8 million queries have been run through the system.

Department of Homeland Security

Weekly Report

April 21st, 2011

I. Reform, Efficiency, and Transparency

Efficiency Review (ER) Initiative

- DHS expects to achieve \$29 million in cost avoidances over the life of the contracts by utilizing DHS-wide contract vehicles for procuring non-military uniforms, furniture, wireless communication devices and services and tactical communications equipment and services.

II. Public Affairs

Expected Stories

- On **April 15th**, *Discovery News* interviewed Bruce McConnell, Senior Counselor for Cybersecurity in the National Protection and Programs Directorate, regarding options for creating a safer, more secure and resilient network of cyber networks. Publication is expected in the next several days.
- On **April 19th**, *American Shipper* (Eric Kulish) interviewed Customs and Border Protection (CBP) Commissioner Alan Bersin about CBP's efforts to secure the Southwest border while facilitating the flow of legitimate travel and trade. Publication date TBD.
- **Next week**, *ABC News "Nightline"* will tour the Los Angeles Centralized Examination Station – Merchandise Enforcement Team warehouse for a story on Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement efforts to stop the flow of counterfeit goods into the U.S. Air date TBD.
- *The Christian Science Monitor* (Nacha Cattan) is working on a story regarding Customs and Border Protection Unmanned Aircraft Systems operations along the Southwest border. Publication date TBD.
- In the summer, AMC will begin filming "Inside DHS," a documentary series that will provide a behind-the-scenes understanding of DHS's mission and emphasize homeland security as a shared responsibility. The series will focus on personnel on the front lines as well as officials in headquarters, including Secretary Napolitano. The series is expected to begin airing in the fall.

Policy Initiatives or Announcements

- During the **week of April 25th**, DHS will launch the DHS Blue Campaign Facebook page, which will feature information from the Blue Campaign website, recent news stories relevant to human trafficking and a forum for Facebook users to interact and discuss issues relevant to the Blue Campaign.

Office of Inspector General (OIG) Reports

- **Congressional Distribution on April 21st, Web Posting on April 29th: "DHS Oversight of Component Acquisition Programs."** **Background:** From January to August 2010, the OIG examined whether DHS has established adequate management oversight and controls over component acquisition programs. **Findings:** The report finds that the Department has generally made progress in its acquisition oversight processes and controls through implementation of a revised acquisition management directive; however, DHS should provide additional detailed guidance and improve controls in some areas. **Recommendations:** The OIG makes four recommendations to strengthen the Department's management oversight and controls over component acquisition programs. **Response:** DHS concurs with the recommendations and has initiated corrective actions to address them. DHS has taken steps to develop and implement improved acquisition oversight and continues to expand a core of acquisition experts to ensure operational requirements are properly developed and included in DHS contracts and to provide greater oversight and accountability.

Outreach/Stakeholder Meetings and Events

- From **April 25th to 29th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement will deploy Secure Communities technology to 43 law enforcement agencies in Alabama, Indiana, Michigan, Missouri, New York and Ohio.

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- From **April 25th to 29th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement will host the Annual Asian Forced Child Labor Conference in Bangkok, Thailand. Approximately 100 law enforcement and NGO representatives will meet to share best practices regarding identifying, investigating and disrupting forced child labor, human trafficking and child exploitation organizations. Closed press.
- On **April 26th**, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office Director Warren Stern will speak about the importance of research and development for radiological and nuclear detection at the Academic Research Initiative Conference in Alexandria, VA. No new announcements. Closed press.
- On **April 26th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will provide briefings on ICE enforcement efforts in Mississippi—including Secure Communities, Fugitive Operations, the Criminal Alien Program and the Agreements of Cooperation in Communities to Enhance Safety and Security Initiative—at a law enforcement meeting in Indianola, MS, organized by Representative Bennie Thompson. Closed press.
- On **April 26th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will brief a delegation of officials from 14 European countries in Tampa, FL, regarding ICE best practices related to counterterrorism efforts as part of the Department of State International Visitors Leadership Program. Closed press.
- On **April 26th**, representatives from the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Justice and Office of National Drug Control Policy will meet with state and local officials in Grand Forks, ND, to discuss illicit narcotics smuggling along the Northern border. This event is part of a series of meetings being held along the Northern border to inform the development of the *Northern Border Counternarcotics Strategy*. Additional meetings are tentatively scheduled for **May 2nd/ 3rd** in New York and **May 9th to 11th** in Montana. Closed press.
- On **April 27th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Director John Morton will return 99 artifacts originating from the Republic of Panama to Panamanian President Ricardo Martinelli during a repatriation ceremony at ICE headquarters in Washington, DC. The repatriation of these artifacts is a result of a joint investigation. Open press.
- On **April 27th**, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis (I&A) Bart Johnson will speak at a conference hosted by I&A and the El Paso Intelligence Center in El Paso, TX, to discuss best practices for information sharing to enhance Southwest border security with local law enforcement, Homeland Security Advisors, fusion center directors and federal agencies. Closed press.
- On **April 28th**, Assistant Secretary for Infrastructure Protection Todd Keil will deliver remarks on improving infrastructure protection information sharing at the Center for National Policy, in Washington, D.C. The Center for National Policy is an independent think tank focused on national infrastructure, national and homeland security and resilience issues. No new announcements. Open press.
- On **April 28th**, FEMA Director of Disability Integration and Coordination Marcie Roth will deliver keynote remarks on disability integration and coordination in emergency management at the National Assistive Technology Emergency Management Conference in Atlanta, GA. Press TBD.
- On **April 29th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement will provide a briefing on Secure Communities to the International Union of Police Associations at their 2011 Public Safety Conference in Sarasota, FL. Over 200 law enforcement agency representatives from across the country will attend. Closed press.
- On **April 29th and May 2nd**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will host a delegation of law enforcement officials from Egypt, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Kazakhstan, India, Sri Lanka, Lebanon, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and Bhutan at ICE offices in Washington, D.C., Brownsville, TX, and McAllen, TX, respectively, to learn about ICE's efforts to combat human smuggling and trafficking as part of the Department of State International Visitors Leadership Program. The delegation will also visit an ICE detention facility in McAllen. Closed press.
- From **May 1st to 4th**, Science and Technology (S&T) Directorate, in conjunction with Sandia National Laboratories and the West Virginia High Technology Consortium Foundation, will demonstrate and deploy mobile biometric devices at the 2011 Mock Prison Riot at the West Virginia Penitentiary in Moundsville, WV. These mobile devices can identify individuals from a database stored on the device and match them against a list of inmates. They will be used by federal, state, local law enforcement and first responders,

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including Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents and the U.S. Coast Guard. Closed press.

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House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, Subcommittee on Government Oversight

- On May 13th, Acting Chief Financial Officer Peggy Sherry will testify on the Department's progress in implementing internal controls and improving financial management.

House Judiciary Committee

- On May 24th, Secretary Napolitano will testify at a general DHS oversight hearing.

House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement

- On May 4th, Gary Cole, Deputy Assistant Director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Office of Internal Affairs, will testify on ICE's visa security program.

House Foreign Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on Europe and Asia

- On May 5th, a TBD witness from the DHS Office of Policy will testify on U.S., Europe, Russia and Caucasus cooperation on counterterrorism.

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation

- On May 3rd, Coast Guard Prevention Policy Director Rear Admiral Kevin Cook and Calvin Lederer, Deputy Judge Advocate General of the Coast Guard, will testify on the Coast Guard's regulatory program.

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

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Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery and Intergovernmental Affairs

- On May 5th, FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate will testify on FEMA's use of social media in emergency response.

Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee

- On May 11th, Transportation Security Administration Administrator John Pistole, Coast Guard Prevention Policy Director Rear Admiral Kevin Cook and a GAO representative will testify on the Transportation Worker Identification Credential program. GAO plans to release a report on the subject in May 2011.

Senate Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Homeland Security

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Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

- On **May 19th**, Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis Caryn Wagner, Sean Joyce of the FBI and National Counterterrorism Center Director Leiter will testify on domestic intelligence. This is a closed hearing.

Committee Briefings and Travel

House Homeland Security Committee

- On **May 2nd**, the National Protection and Programs Directorate's Office of Infrastructure Protection (IP) will brief staff on how IP prioritizes the various needs of the nation's critical infrastructure.

House Appropriations Committee

- On **April 27th**, the Transportation Security Administration will brief staff on the Flight Data Initiative, which deploys security-related recording technology aboard commercial aircraft.

House Energy and Commerce Committee

- On **April 26th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement will brief staff on intellectual property rights enforcement, including enforcement efforts related to counterfeit pharmaceuticals.

House Homeland Security Committee, House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, House Appropriations Committee, Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, and Senate Appropriations Committee

- On **May 6th**, FEMA will provide a quarterly response and recovery update briefing for staff regarding the Public Assistance Bottom Up Review, FEMA Doctrine, FEMA Readiness and Assessment Program and FEMA's Unified Readiness Reporting System.

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

- From **April 26th to 28th**, the Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Customs and Border Protection and the U.S. Coast Guard will provide staff with a tour of the Washington State Fusion Center, the Port of Seattle and the Northern Border Sector.

House Homeland Security Committee and Senate Appropriations Committee

- From **April 27th to 29th**, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center will provide a tour of operations in Charleston, SC and Glynnco, GA to staff.

Senate Appropriations Committee

- During the **week of April 25th**, FEMA Assistant Administrator for Response Robert Fenton will brief staff on the status of the FEMA Qualification System credentialing program, a workforce certification of incident management and incident support positions activated to support disasters.
- On **May 5th**, FEMA Assistant Administrator for the Logistics Management Directorate Eric Smith will provide a Logistics Update to staff.

Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

- From **April 26th to 29th**, Customs and Border Protection and Immigration and Customs Enforcement will provide a tour and overview of operations in Tucson, AZ and San Diego, CA to staff.

Other Briefings and Travel

- On **April 25th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will brief Representative Gene Green on ICE operations in Houston, TX.
- On **April 27th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will provide an overview of ICE operations in northwest Arkansas to staff of Representative Steve Womack.

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- On **April 27th**, Customs and Border Protection will provide a tour of the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operations Center in Corpus Christi, TX to Representatives Michael McCaul and Henry Cuellar.
- From **April 27th to 29th**, Customs and Border Protection will provide a tour of Vermont ports of entry to Senator Bernie Sanders' staff.
- On **April 28th**, Customs and Border Protection will provide a tour and overview of operations in Portland, OR to Representative David Wu's staff.

IV. Legal Issues

FOIA Releases

- On **April 13th**, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration and Services released to **Audrey Dorelien at Princeton University** records pertaining to Temporary Protected Status because of natural disasters for several countries.

V. Additional items of importance not covered above

- **Advanced Imaging Technology (AIT) Update:** As of **April 15th**, 486 AIT units have been deployed to 78 airports nationwide.
- **Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Weekly Statistics (April 11th to 17th):** TSA arrested 9 passengers based on suspicious behavior or fraudulent travel documents and found 18 firearms and 5 artfully concealed prohibited items at checkpoints.
- **E-Verify Update:** As of **April 16th**, 260,021 employers are registered for E-Verify, representing 883,339 hiring sites. Thus far in FY 2011, over 8.5 million queries have been run through the system.

Department of Homeland Security

Weekly Report

April 28th, 2011

I. Reform, Efficiency, and Transparency

Efficiency Review (ER) Initiative

- To date, DHS has identified more than \$5.4 million in cost avoidances through continued implementation of the Efficiency Review initiative to utilize federal facilities for conferences, meetings and trainings instead of renting private space.

II. Public Affairs

Expected Stories

- On **April 20th**, *The Associated Press* toured Customs and Border Protection (CBP) operations at John F. Kennedy Airport and interviewed Port Director Brian Humphrey for a story on CBP responsibilities at the airport. Publication date TBD.
- On **April 26th**, *Fox News* (Patrick Manning) attended a presentation on Operation Detour – a Border Patrol program to educate high school students in U.S. border towns about the dangers of participating in smuggling activities – at Ysleta High School in El Paso, TX. The reporter interviewed Border Patrol personnel and students attending the presentation. Expected publication online **April 28th or 29th**.
- On **May 2nd**, Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Alan Bersin is tentatively scheduled to participate in interviews with local media outlets in South Texas.
- On **May 2nd**, Customs and Border Protection will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony to announce the opening of a Ready Lane – a primary vehicle lane that only accepts Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative-compliant RFID-enabled documents, expediting the processing of travelers at the border – at the Otay Mesa Port of Entry in San Diego, CA. Open press.

Upcoming Policy Initiatives or Announcements

- In **May 2011**, the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties expects to eliminate its backlog of Equal Employment Opportunity matters awaiting agency adjudication, which has existed since the Department was stood up. At its peak, the backlog was nearly 600 cases.
- During **the week of May 2nd**, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will post an update on its website regarding the Secure Mail Initiative, which utilizes U.S. Postal Service Priority Mail with Delivery Confirmation in order to deliver Permanent Resident Cards and Employment Authorization Cards in a safe, secure and timely manner.

Office of Inspector General (OIG) Reports

- **Congressional distribution on May 2nd, Web Posting on May 10th: “Opportunities to Improve Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Mass Care and Emergency Assistance Activities.” Background:** The OIG audited the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) mass care and emergency assistance program. **Findings:** Since Hurricane Katrina, FEMA has made progress toward improving its mass care and emergency assistance program. It has coordinated more effectively with state and local governments and voluntary organizations; developed planning tools to build the mass care and emergency assistance capacities of these governments and organizations; and created an internal infrastructure to plan, coordinate and provide direct mass care and emergency assistance, as needed. However, the OIG found that additional actions are needed to ensure that the program is implemented effectively in future disasters. **Recommendations:** The OIG made seven recommendations to strengthen management and administration of the agency’s mass care and emergency assistance coordination and management activities, focusing on finalizing mass care and emergency assistance standard operating procedures, evaluating the effectiveness

of planning tools, and testing mass care and emergency assistance activities during national and regional exercises. **Response:** FEMA concurs with the seven recommendations and is taking action to address them.

- **Congressional distribution on May 2nd, Web Posting on May 10th: “Design and Implementation of the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Emergency Management Performance Grant.”**

Background: The OIG audited the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s (FEMA) Emergency Management Performance Grant Program (EMPG) to determine if its design, implementation and performance measurement strategy facilitate improved emergency management and preparedness for its grantees. **Findings:** The OIG found that FEMA can improve EMPG implementation by awarding grant funds in a timelier manner. **Recommendations:** The OIG made two recommendations to enhance EMPG’s overall effectiveness. **Response:** FEMA is finalizing the FY 2011 EMPG guidance and working to review applications prior to the start of the grant period of performance, addressing an OIG recommendation. Additionally, FEMA is including new performance measures in the FY 2011 EMPG grant guidance and streamlining the EMPG application and implementation process, also fulfilling an OIG recommendation.

Other Reports

- The **week of May 2nd**, GAO is expected to release a report titled **“Transportation Worker Identification Credential: Internal Control Weaknesses Need to be Corrected to Help Achieve Security Objectives.”** **Background:** Between October 2007 and December 2010, GAO evaluated the extent to which Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) processes for enrollment, background checks and use are designed to provide reasonable assurance that unescorted access to these facilities is limited to qualified individuals as well as the effectiveness of TWIC. **Findings:** GAO found that internal control weaknesses could impact the program’s ability to meet its stated objectives. **Recommendations:** GAO recommends that DHS assess the TWIC program internal controls to identify necessary corrective actions, assess TWIC’s effectiveness and use the information to identify effective and costs efficient methods for meeting program objectives. **Response:** DHS concurs with GAO’s recommendations and is taking steps to address them.

Outreach/Stakeholder Meetings

- On **April 30th**, the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Orlando District Office will host a nationwide Spanish-language conference call and webinar, including a question and answer session, as part of “Enlace,” an ongoing series of public engagements to share USCIS updates. Participants will include advocacy groups, customers, immigration practitioners and immigrant-serving organizations. Closed press.
- On **May 2nd**, FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate will deliver remarks on the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) and the importance of Whole Community planning during the Annual Flood Conference in New Orleans, LA. The conference is the major annual gathering of all the partners in the NFIP. It educates various audiences on the importance of floodplain management and flood insurance. Closed press.
- From **May 2nd to 6th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement will deploy Secure Communities technology to 12 local law enforcement agencies in Idaho, Nebraska and Oklahoma.
- On **May 3rd**, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) will host a delegation from Mexico at the FLETC Headquarters in Glynco, GA, as part of ongoing efforts by the Mexican government to develop plans to build a federal law enforcement academy in Mexico. Closed press.
- On **May 3rd**, Assistant Secretary of Health Affairs Alexander Garza will deliver remarks on increasing preparedness through innovative biodefense, biodetection and integrated biosurveillance at the 2011 Great Lakes Homeland Security Training Conference and Expo in Grand Rapids, MI. This annual conference brings together 1,500 emergency management and homeland security partners from all levels of government and the private sector. Closed press.
- On **May 3rd**, FEMA Region IX Administrator Nancy Ward will deliver remarks on FEMA’s role in preparedness and response at the Seismic Risk Mitigation Leadership Forum in San Francisco, CA. This

Forum brings together scientists, practitioners and experts to discuss efforts to make communities stronger, safer and more resilient from all natural disasters. Open press.

- From **May 3rd to 6th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) will host a Combat Casualty Care and Survival Training, including firearms refresher training, scenario based training and tactical medical instruction, to better prepare and protect ICE personnel stationed in Mexico. Closed press.
- On **May 4th**, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis Bart Johnson will deliver remarks on fusion centers at the International Association of Chiefs of Police Committee on Terrorism Mid-Year Meeting in Colorado Springs, CO. Closed press.
- On **May 4th**, Deputy Under Secretary for the National Protection and Programs Directorate Phil Reitingier will deliver remarks on challenges that lawyers in the Intelligence Community face at the Intelligence Community Legal Conference in Chantilly, VA. Closed press (conference is at the classified level).
- On **May 4th**, FEMA Associate Administrator for Response and Recovery Bill Carwile will meet with representatives of the U.S.-Japan Council in Washington, D.C. to discuss U.S. disaster recovery and rebuilding policy. Closed press.
- On **May 4th and 5th**, Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman January Contreras will facilitate panels and workshops regarding assistance DHS provides for victims of violence and sexual assault at a conference sponsored by the Department of Health and Human Services. The conference will be attended by various state domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions. Open press.
- From **May 4th to 6th**, Assistant Secretary of Health Affairs Alexander Garza will travel to Kansas City, MO to deliver remarks on increasing preparedness through innovative biodefense, biodetection, and integrated biosurveillance at the University of Kansas Medical Center and at the University of Missouri-Kansas City. Closed press.
- On **May 5th**, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) Deputy Director Ken Keene will deliver remarks at the 20th Annual Indian Country Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony at the FLETC in Artesia, NM. This annual observance honors law enforcement officers and agents from Indian country that have died in the line of duty. Open press.
- On **May 6th**, Customs and Border Protection Deputy Commissioner David Aguilar will deliver remarks at a dedication ceremony for the lane expansion project at the World Trade Bridge in Laredo, TX. The project will expedite commercial traffic by nearly doubling the number of primary inspection lanes. Open press.
- On **May 6th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Director John Morton and U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Director Alejandro Mayorkas will speak at the ICE-sponsored Partnership and Public Safety Roundtable in Arlington, VA, which is designed to provide information about DHS components and programs to law enforcement officials from across the country. Closed press.
- From **May 12th to 13th**, Customs and Border Protection will provide a tour of border security operations in Tucson and Nogales, AZ, for representatives from leading think tanks, including the Wilson Center, American Immigration Council, Homeland Security Policy Institute, Transborder Institute, Migration Policy Institute, American Immigration Lawyers Association, Heritage Foundation, Center for New American Security, Center for Strategic and International Studies, Center on Foreign Relations, Center for National Policy, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, Council on Foreign Relations, Center for American Progress and NDN. Closed press.

III. Legislative Issues

Congressional Testimony

House Homeland Security Committee

- On **May 4th**, Transportation Security Administration Administrator John Pistole and FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate will testify on securing mass transit systems from terrorism.

House Homeland Security Committee, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations and Management

- On **May 11th**, Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement Director Grayling Williams and a Department of Justice representative will testify on efforts to combat drug cartel violence along the Southwest border.

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, Subcommittee on Government Oversight

- On **May 13th**, Acting Chief Financial Officer Peggy Sherry will testify on the Department's progress in implementing internal controls and improving financial management.

House Homeland Security Committee, Subcommittee on Transportation Security

- On **May 4th**, Greg Wellen, Transportation Security Administration Assistant Administrator for Transportation Threat Assessment and Credentialing, will testify on the Modern Security Credentialing Act, which will allow DHS to consolidate and harmonize the Department's security threat assessment and credentialing process for transportation workers to reduce duplicative efforts.

House Judiciary Committee

- On **May 24th**, Secretary Napolitano will testify at a general DHS oversight hearing.

House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement

- On **May 11th**, Gary Cole, Deputy Assistant Director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Office of Internal Affairs, will testify on ICE's visa security program.

House Foreign Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on Europe and Asia

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House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation

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Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee

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Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery and Intergovernmental Affairs

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Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee

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Senate Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Homeland Security

- On **May 10th**, Coast Guard Commandant Robert Papp will testify on the Coast Guard's fiscal year 2012 budget request.

Senate Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Immigration, Refugees and Border Security

- On **May 17th**, Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Alan Bersin and Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director John Morton will testify on efforts to strengthen security at the Northern border.

Senate Finance Committee, Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs and Global Competitiveness

- On **May 5th**, Allen Gina, Assistant Commissioner for Customs and Border Protection's Office of International Trade; J. Scott Ballman, Deputy Assistant Director for Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Homeland Security Investigations; and a representative from the Department of Commerce will testify on enforcement of anti-dumping and countervailing duty orders, which are imposed on certain imports in order to remedy unfair trade practices such as selling products in the U.S. below the cost of production or below the price in the home market.

Senate Select Committee on Intelligence

- On **May 19th**, Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis Caryn Wagner, Sean Joyce of the FBI and National Counterterrorism Center Director Leiter will testify on domestic intelligence at a closed hearing.

Committee Briefings and Travel

House Homeland Security Committee

- On **May 3rd**, Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement (CNE) Director Grayling Williams will meet with Ranking Member Bennie Thompson to discuss DHS counternarcotics enforcement efforts.

House Homeland Security Committee, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications

- On **May 12th**, FEMA will provide a FEMA Private Sector briefing for Chairman Gus Bilirakis.

House Judiciary Committee

- On **May 3rd**, Transportation Security Administration Administrator John Pistole will brief members on protecting the civil rights and civil liberties of minorities during airport screening.

Senate Appropriations Committee

- On **May 5th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties will brief staff on their work on Secure Communities issues.

Other Briefings and Travel

- On **May 2nd**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement will hold an informational briefing open to all Congressional staff on the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)—which helps DHS and the Department of State monitor school and exchange programs by collecting, maintaining and providing information so that only legitimate foreign students or exchange visitors gain entry to the U.S.—and the Counterterrorism and Criminal Exploitation Unit—which prevents terrorists and other criminals from exploiting the nation’s immigration system, including the SEVP.
- On **May 4th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the Office of Intelligence and Analysis, the Department of State and the FBI will brief Representative Gus Bilirakis, at his request, on what the U.S. government is doing to respond to perceived threats relating to the Student and Exchange Visitor Program.
- On **May 4th**, Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Administrator John Pistole will meet with Senator Ben Coats to provide a general overview of TSA’s mission and operations. Pistole will also meet with Representatives Judy Chu, Sheila Jackson Lee, Bobby Scott and Mel Watt to discuss screening of passengers who wear religious headwear.

IV. Legal Issues

FOIA Releases

- On **April 5th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement posted to its FOIA Library the list of all detainee deaths from October 2003 through March 31, 2011.
- On **April 7th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to **Angela Turner**, with *The Journal Gazette* in Fort Wayne, IN, records relating to the number of criminal aliens whose deportation process began in Indiana from October 1, 2005 through the present.
- On **April 15th**, the Office of Inspector General (OIG) released to **Amrit Singh**, with the **Open Society Justice Initiative**, records pertaining to OIG’s audit entitled “The Removal of a Canadian Citizen to Syria.”
- On **April 16th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) released to **Susan Long**, with **Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC)** in Syracuse, NY, records relating to the FOIA request tracking system. These records were released in full.
- On **April 19th**, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) released to **Laura Strickler**, with **CBS News** records related to a 27-foot National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration law enforcement vessel that was inspected by the USCG in 2008 and is currently located in Seattle, WA.
- On **April 19th**, the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) released to **Matt Jenkins**, a writer for **High Country News** in Berkeley, CA, boardings, enforcements, and investigation reports.
- On **April 28th**, the Office of Inspector General will release to **Andrea Becker** with the **Center for Investigative Reporting** in Berkeley, CA a statistical breakdown by fiscal year, state, and agency of internal criminal and corruption-related investigations relating to Customs and Border Protection, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement from 2003 to present.

V. Additional items of importance not covered above

- **Advanced Imaging Technology (AIT) Update:** As of **April 22nd**, 486 AIT units have been deployed to 78 airports nationwide.
- **Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Weekly Statistics (April 18th to 24th):** TSA arrested 12 passengers based on suspicious behavior or fraudulent travel documents and found 17 firearms and 3 artfully concealed prohibited items at checkpoints.
- **E-Verify Update:** As of **April 23rd**, 261,092 employers are registered for E-Verify, representing 885,222 hiring sites. Thus far in FY 2011, over 8.8 million queries have been run through the system.

Department of Homeland Security

Weekly Report

May 5th, 2011

I. Reform, Efficiency, and Transparency

Efficiency Review (ER) Initiative

- Through continued implementation of the Efficiency Review initiative to utilize the purchasing power of the entire Department to secure the lowest price possible for office supplies, DHS avoided more than \$1.4 million in costs during the second quarter of FY 2011. To date, DHS has achieved a cost avoidance of more than \$3.9 million through implementation of this initiative.

II. Public Affairs

Response to Major Storms, Tornadoes and Flooding

- Since the deadly tornadoes first struck parts of the country last week, the federal government has been in constant contact with all of the impacted states to coordinate response and recovery efforts. At the request of the respective governors, FEMA has personnel and supplies on the ground in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia and Virginia.

Resources

- Disaster declarations have been signed for Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee and Arkansas.
- In total, more than 39,400 people have registered for assistance, and we have provided over \$17.2 million in grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover. Registrations are expected to increase significantly in the days ahead as our community relations teams canvass more neighborhoods to explain the types of assistance available. More than 1,500 FEMA employees have been deployed to the affected areas, including 320 FEMA Community Relations staff going door to door in impacted states helping individuals register for assistance.
- FEMA has provided 3.4 million liters of water, 2.6 million meals, 112,000 tarps, and 106 generators.
- Over 3,200 National Guardsman are on the ground supporting security, traffic control and other operations.
- More than 23 disaster recovery centers are open in the region.
- Over 400 inspectors are on the ground in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee and Arkansas assessing damages, with more arriving in the coming days.
- [The Department of Housing and Urban Development's National Housing Locator](#) webpage is active, providing disaster survivors with assistance locating available properties.

Outreach and Public Affairs

- Joint op-eds by Secretary Napolitano and FEMA Administrator Fugate were published in *The Tennessean* and the *Montgomery (AL) Advertiser* on May 4th.
- FEMA is hosting daily calls with press and is releasing daily activity reports with a detailed list of federal activities to support the impacted states, families and communities.
- FEMA is updating all web and social media platforms with the latest information about assistance, food, shelter and other aid, and has partnered with the Alabama Emergency Management Agency to create a joint [Facebook page](#) as an additional way to reach Alabama residents during the response and recovery efforts.
- On May 4th, FEMA launched a new tool for people to search for disaster recovery centers on FEMA's mobile site (m.fema.gov), and published a blog post to announce the launch.

Other Expected Stories

- On May 4th, *Thomson Reuters* (Tim Gaynor) attended a presentation on Operation Detour – a Border Patrol program to educate high school students in U.S. border towns about the dangers of participating in

smuggling activities – at the Keys Academy in El Paso, TX. The reporter interviewed Border Patrol personnel and students attending the presentation and took photos for use in both domestic and international news services. Publication date TBD.

- On **May 10th**, *Nuclear News*, a publication of the American Nuclear Society, will publish an interview with Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) Director Warren Stern on his experiences at DNDO.

Upcoming Policy Initiatives or Announcements

- On **May 5th**, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will post Spanish translations of the E-Verify pages found on USCIS's website which contain information for both employers and employees interested in learning more about E-Verify. USCIS will issue a stakeholder alert and will provide information to various Spanish language media outlets.
- From **May 16th to 19th**, FEMA will conduct National Level Exercise 2011, testing national capabilities to respond to a severe earthquake in the New Madrid Zone of the United States. This exercise will involve three FEMA regions and eight states—the largest exercise of its kind ever conducted by FEMA. Open press events include an introductory briefing for the press on **May 16th**; a simulated school collapse at the Nettleton Fox Meadow Elementary School in Arkansas on **May 16th**; an all-day Urban Search and Rescue exercise at the Muscatatuck Urban Training Center in Indiana on **May 18th**; a patient movement exercise at the Springfield Branson Airport in Missouri on **May 19th**; and an closing briefing for press on **May 19th**.

Outreach/Stakeholder Meetings

- On **May 6th**, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) will host its Spring Stakeholder Conference at the USCIS Offices in New York, NY. Multiple congressional offices and stakeholder organizations have been invited to attend the event. Open press.
 - From **May 8th to 12th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement will activate Secure Communities technology in 21 local law enforcement agencies in Iowa, Indiana, Missouri, New York, Ohio and Oregon.
 - On **May 9th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement will provide a tour of the Laredo Detention Center and a briefing on efforts to combat trafficking in the border region to a delegation of law enforcement officials from Bulgaria, Sypris, Finland, Germany, Serbia and Lithuania as part of the Department of State International Visitors Leadership Program. Closed press.
 - On **May 9th**, DHS will begin to pilot Global Entry for UK citizens. Global Entry is a trusted traveler program designed to expedite screening for low-risk international travelers through biometric identification and rigorous and recurring background checks.
 - On **May 9th**, Assistant Secretary of Health Affairs Alexander Garza will provide opening remarks and speak on a panel regarding sharing and integrating national biosurveillance data at the Institute of Medicine Committee meeting in Washington, D.C. Closed press.
 - On **May 9th**, the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties will offer a training course, "Countering Violent Extremism: Building a Community-Based Approach," to Foreign Service officers. Closed press.
 - On **May 10th**, FEMA Associate Administrator for Response and Recovery Bill Carwile will meet with a delegation of Vietnamese government officials, led by Vietnam's Vice-Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Hoang Van Thang, in Washington, D.C. as they take part in a study tour of best international practices in emergency management. Closed Press.
 - On **May 10th**, representatives from the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties will participate in the 2nd Greater DC community engagement roundtable, hosted by the All-Dulles Area Muslim Society. Participants include Arab, Middle Eastern, Muslim, Sikh, Somali, South Asian, Latino, Asian and African community leaders and immigration/advocacy groups. Closed press.
- On **May 10th**, DHS, in coordination with the National Counterterrorism Center and the FBI, will host the Joint Counter Terrorism Awareness Workshop Series exercise, which focuses on private sector security responses to a Mumbai style attack in an American city, in Sacramento, CA. Representatives from the law

enforcement community and private sector partners – including hospitals, telecommunications companies, large regional manufacturers, software companies and private security firms – will attend. Closed press.

- On **May 11th**, the Science and Technology Directorate will conduct explosives testing on a scaled levee at Fort Polk, LA, to study the effects of a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device attack. Results will aid the development of a new, fast-running software model to predict blast effects on levees for eventual incorporation as a module into the Anti-Terrorism Planner-Dams blast damage estimation tool. This test is strictly for research and independent of the Missouri levee detonations. The Missouri detonation results may be used to provide some full scale data for this project. Closed press.
- On **May 11th**, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis Bart Johnson will deliver remarks on information sharing at the Office of National Drug Control Policy High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program meeting in Las Vegas, NV. Closed press.
- On **May 11th and 12th**, Assistant Secretary for Intergovernmental Affairs Betsy Markey will deliver opening remarks at the Tribal Assistance Coordination Group Conference. Representatives from FEMA, the Office of Intelligence and Analysis, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Customs and Border Protection, the Coast Guard and the Transportation Security Administration will also attend. Closed press.
- On **May 12th**, Under Secretary for the National Protection and Programs Directorate Rand Beers will speak at the Business Executives for National Security 22nd Annual Washington Forum entitled, “Tomorrow’s Security Challenges and Opportunities,” in Washington, D.C. Under Secretary Beers will discuss DHS’ private sector partnerships with regard to cybersecurity. Closed press.
- On **May 12th**, General Counsel Ivan Fong and Customs and Border Protection Deputy Commissioner David Aguilar are speaking at the World Customs Organization 2011 IT Conference and Exhibition in Seattle, WA. Fong will be speaking on legal issues relating to cloud computing and Aguilar will provide remarks regarding state and local partnerships and border management. Open press.
- On **May 12th**, the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties will participate in the Somali Law Enforcement Advisory Group roundtable sponsored by the FBI in Columbus, OH. Attendees include federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies and Somali religious groups, businesses and NGOs. Closed press.
- On **May 13th**, Under Secretary for the National Protection and Programs Directorate Rand Beers will speak on DHS’s priorities for critical infrastructure protection and cybersecurity at the Homeland Security Dialogue Forum in Washington, D.C. Closed press.
- On **May 18th**, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) Director Alejandro Mayorkas will deliver keynote remarks on USCIS initiatives and policies at the Annual Catholic Legal Immigration Network meeting in Seattle, WA. Closed press.
- On **May 19th**, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Alejandro Mayorkas will speak on the agency’s priorities for 2011 as well as initiatives relating to business and employment-based immigration at the Global Personnel Alliance Annual Business Immigration Conference in Washington, D.C. Closed press.

III. Legislative Issues

Congressional Testimony

House Homeland Security Committee, Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations and Management

- On **May 11th**, Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement Director Grayling Williams and a Department of Justice representative will testify on efforts to combat drug cartel violence along the Southwest border.

House Homeland Security Committee, Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response

- On **May 12th**, Assistant Secretary of Health Affairs Alexander Garza will testify on the distribution of medical countermeasures, with an emphasis on coordination with states and localities.

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, Subcommittee on Government Oversight

- On **May 13th**, Acting Chief Financial Officer Peggy Sherry will testify on the Department’s progress in implementing internal controls and improving financial management.

House Homeland Security Committee, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies

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- On **May 26th**, Science and Technology Directorate (S&T) Acting Deputy Under Secretary Paul Benda will testify on the SAFETY Act, which provides incentives for the development and deployment of anti-terrorism technologies by providing liability protections for vendors of qualified anti-terrorism technologies.

House Judiciary Committee, Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement

- On **May 11th**, Gary Cole, Deputy Assistant Director of Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Office of Internal Affairs, will testify on ICE's visa security program.

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Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on Disaster Recovery and Intergovernmental Affairs

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Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee

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Senate Appropriations Committee, Subcommittee on Homeland Security

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Committee Briefings and Travel

House Homeland Security Committee, Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security

- On **May 6th**, the Coast Guard will brief staff on the Coast Guard's maritime security capabilities in preparation for a June 14th hearing on the same subject before the Subcommittee.

House Homeland Security Committee, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence

- On **May 11th**, Under Secretary for Intelligence and Analysis Caryn Wagner will meet with Ranking Member Jackie Speier.

House Homeland Security Committee, Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection, and Security Technologies

- On **May 13th**, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO) Director Warren Stern will meet with Chairman Daniel Lungren and Ranking Member Yvette Clarke to discuss DNDO's activities to counter radiological and nuclear threats, the Global Nuclear Detection Architecture and resource deployment.

Other Briefings and Travel

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- On **May 10th**, Immigration and Customs Enforcement will brief Representative Trent Franks' staff, at their request, on human trafficking and the Trafficking Victims Protection Act.
- On **May 12th**, the Office of the Citizenship and Immigration Services Ombudsman will meet with staff from Senator Bob Corker's and Representative Jim Cooper's staff in Nashville, TN to discuss the services of the Ombudsman's Office and current areas of focus. On **May 13th**, the office will meet with staff from Senator Lamar Alexander's staff in Memphis, TN. Closed press.

IV. Legal Issues

FOIA Releases

- On **May 5th**, DHS will release to **David Sobel** with the **Electronic Frontier** in Washington, D.C. emails from January 2009 to the present regarding the work of the U.S.-EU High Level Contact on data privacy and law enforcement cooperation.
- On **May 5th**, the U.S. Coast Guard will release to **Matthew Brown** with *The Associated Press* a list of National Response Center incident reports.

V. Additional items of importance not covered above

- **Advanced Imaging Technology (AIT) Update:** As of **April 29th**, 486 AIT units have been deployed to 78 airports nationwide.
- **Transportation Security Administration (TSA) Weekly Statistics (April 25th to May 1st):** TSA arrested 5 passengers based on suspicious behavior or fraudulent travel documents and found 16 firearms and 2 artfully concealed prohibited items at checkpoints.
- **E-Verify Update:** As of **April 30th**, 262,269 employers are registered for E-Verify, representing 888,084 hiring sites. Thus far in FY 2011, over 9.1 million queries have been run through the system.